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The carices of the list, so far as represented by the collections of Professor Trelease, have been identified by Prof. L. H. Bailey, and the cellular cryptogams by a number of specialists. At the close of the paper is a generic index and a bibliography of Azorean botany. The whole report is not only a great credit to its author, but forms the most noteworthy piece of recent American work upon any extra-American flora.

B. L. R.

The Flora of British India. — With the publication of the title-page and preface of the seventh volume, and a full index (collated with the *Index Kewensis*) to the entire work, *The Flora of British India*¹ is brought to a close at the end of 1897. In the quarter of a century consumed in its publication the area to which it is devoted has materially increased, and many new collections have been brought to the hands of its indefatigable editor and his collaborators, so that it is but natural that the later volumes should be more thorough than the earlier ones. Valuable it is, throughout; and yet, as Dr. Hooker remarks in the preface to the concluding volume, the treatise is to be regarded as a pioneer work rather than a finished flora. There is no reason to doubt, however, that time will justify his very modestly expressed hope that it may not only enable botanists to name with some accuracy a host of Indian plants, but that it may further facilitate the compilation of local floras and monographs and the discussion of the problems of the distribution of plants from the point of view of what he very well characterizes as perhaps the richest and certainly the most varied botanical area on the surface of the globe, and one which, in a greater degree than any other, contains representatives of the floras of both the Eastern and Western Hemispheres.

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Miss Eastwood's Studies.² — In the second part of the recently inaugurated botanical section of the *Proceedings of the California Academy of Sciences*, Miss Eastwood gives interesting information concerning a number of plants from the White Sands of New Mexico; a comparative study of spurless forms of *Aquilegia*, in

¹ *The Flora of British India*. By Sir J. D. Hooker, assisted by various botanists. London. L. Reeve & Co. Pts. xxiii and xxiv. Price 18s. net. — The dates of publication of the volumes, as follows: i, May 1872–Feb. 1875; ii, May 1876–May 1879; iii, May 1880–Dec. 1882; iv, June 1883–Aug. 1885; v, Aug. 1886–Apr. 1890; vi, Dec. 1890–Apr. 1894; vii, 1896–1897.

² Alice Eastwood, *Studies in the Herbarium and the Field*. No. 1. *Proc. Calif. Acad. Sci.* 3 ser. Botany, i, No. 2, 71–86. Pl. VI, VII.